

Located in the heart of the Desert Training Center, the General Patton Memorial Museum was established on November 11, 1988, to honor the memory of General George Patton. The museum contains exhibits ranging from World War I through the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and honors the service and sacrifice of America's veterans.

In the early days of World War II, the greatest global conflict our world has ever seen, the War Department recognized the need to train troops to withstand the rigors of battle over rough desert terrain. Thus, the Desert Training Center, formally known as the California-Arizona Maneuver Area, was established in 1942. Led by Major General George S. Patton Jr., the training camp trained 1 million troops from 1942–1944.

When the direction of the war shifted to the Allies' favor in 1944, the camp was closed, ending the largest simulated theater of operations in the history of military maneuvers. While most of the structures were removed, much of the infrastructure, including rock-lined streets, staging areas, flag circles, and tent areas remain.

It is my hope that the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center will serve as a powerful reminder of how our nation's freedom has been preserved by the dedication of our armed forces. While no single tribute can fully honor their sacrifice, this memorial offers a chance for our community to stand together in honoring the men and women who have fought under the Stars and Stripes. I am certain that any patriotic American would benefit from a visit to the General Patton Memorial Museum and I encourage all those traveling to this region to consider visiting.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the General Patton Memorial Museum and the World War II Desert Training Center.

NOVEMBER 2011 IS PULMONARY
HYPERTENSION AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month 2011 in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. Pulmonary Hypertension, PH, is the condition of continuous high blood pressure in the arteries or veins of the lungs which can result in an enlarged heart, causing it to lose its ability to pump. PH symptoms are similar to common respiratory and cardiac ailments and is therefore difficult to properly diagnose. It often leads to life-threatening delays in treatment. Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. Unfortunately, the medications can be expensive and invasive, with some patients requiring continuous infusion pumps and oxygen.

The Pulmonary Hypertension Association, PHA, a patient support charity group, raises funds for research, promotes awareness, and proves educational and emotional support to the estimated 30,000 diagnosed patients in

the United States. It has helped to establish 235 patient support groups throughout the nation, including four groups in South Carolina that serve over 150 patients, caregivers and family members across the state.

On behalf of the Pulmonary Hypertension patients in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, I would like to bring awareness to their cause by citing November 2011 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING THE 109TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. ROOSEVELT LEE, SR. OF KOSCIUSKO, MS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. of Kosciusko, Mississippi; as a father, husband and agricultural entrepreneur in recognition of his 109th birthday. Born October 23, 1902 to Mr. Tom Lee and Mrs. Mary Young Lee, Roosevelt is the eldest and last surviving of nine siblings. Mr. Lee is the father of eighteen (18) children, grandfather to sixty (60) grandchildren and great-grandfather to more than fifty (50) great-grandchildren.

During a period when educational resources for African Americans were slim to none, Mr. Lee managed to receive up to a third grade education which was offered out of a local church in Kosciusko where he is a native. At a very young age Mr. Lee committed his time and talent to working to help support his family; he worked as a farmer, mechanic, and raiser of cattle and other livestock.

He is a devote Christian and passionate steward of the Lord. He was a member of the Mount Ollie Missionary Baptist Church in Kosciusko, Mississippi for 67 years where he actively served as Sunday school superintendent, treasurer, head deacon, and trustee for the church. Currently, he is a member of the Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksdale and has been for the past eight years.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Sir Knight Masters of Clarksdale, Mississippi. He has selflessly devoted his time to helping other local farmers maintain and repair their farming equipment and vehicles. Mr. Lee's work ethic and commitment to making provisions for his family has allowed his family to keep its farm for 81 years.

In October of 2007, Mayor Henry Epsy of Clarksdale, Mississippi, declared October 27th as Roosevelt Lee, Sr. Day. At the seasoned age of 109, Mr. Lee does not suffer from high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart issues or diabetes but has most recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer disease.

Boxing and wrestling are two of his favorite sports. He has a passion for checkers and loves to travel. He has frequented many of America's most popular destinations such as Chicago, St. Louis, California, Atlanta and a host of others.

Out of his more than a century of life, Mr. Lee confirms that his commitment to Christ has been what has sustained him. He believes that if you serve the Lord and do the right thing regardless of what the next person does,

God will bless you. He is a true example of the wondrous works of the Lord and what it means to be a provider for your family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating a true champion of the life, Mr. Roosevelt Lee, Sr. for his tenacious and zealous works as a farmer, father and one fine American.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 816, I was attending the funeral mass of a family member and was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN SLAUGHTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joan Slaughter for her service to the United States and to my home town of Philadelphia, PA. Joan began her career with the Federal Government on October 23, 1973. She started as a Sewing Machine Operator and the Directorate of Manufacturing at the Defense Personnel Support Center in my district. But, she would not remain in that post for long.

Her drive for excellence and her commitment to service led her to a constant string of educational certificates and degrees and promotions at work.

Providing the best product to the warfighter has been her guiding principal. That commitment resulted in a nearly 38 year career and the undying love and respect of her colleagues and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Joan's love of country is only exceeded by her love of her family. Her husband Gregory and children Gregory, Jr., Shirley and Karen, along with son-in-law Victor, daughter-in-law Nicole, and her grandsons, granddaughters and great grandson could tell us story after story illustrating how wonderful she is.

Joan is retiring now. But, DLA's loss is her family's gain. Our country's loss will be our community's gain.

I ask that all every Member of the House of Representatives join me in honoring her on the occasion of her retirement.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 894, the Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011. This

legislation increases the rate of disability compensation for veterans and their dependents. It also increases disability, old age, and survivor benefits provided under Title II of the Social Security Act. This bill will benefit many; there were more than 3.2 million veterans receiving total disability compensation in 2010.

The Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act provides a much needed cost of living adjustment for the courageous men and women who served in the Armed Forces. It is in a spirit of deep gratitude and appreciation that I fight to provide for our troops fighting abroad, and our veterans who have returned from deployment. It is the responsibility of Congress and the Administration to fulfill our moral obligation to those who have fought for freedom and democracy.

In the State of Texas, we have nearly 1.7 million veterans, and the 18th District is home to 32,000 of them. Of the 200,000 veterans of military service who live and work in Houston; more than 13,000 are veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, there are almost 34,000 soldiers from Texas currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am supporting this legislation to ensure that our men and women in uniform are taken care of when they return from combat.

Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom have presented unanticipated challenges, greater threats, and higher stakes than ever before. The men and women who have served in these operations during the course of the past decade were tasked with the enormous responsibility of protecting America from a new enemy, one that does not identify itself with uniforms, or declare war, or invade by driving tanks over a border. The Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act ensures that disabled veterans are properly compensated for their sacrifices.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have remained committed to meeting both the needs of veterans of previous wars, and to those who are now serving. Veterans have kept their promise to serve our Nation; they have willingly risked their lives to protect the country we all love. We must now ensure that we keep our promises to our veterans.

We promise to leave no soldier or veteran behind. Politics and partisanship should never be a factor in our support for American veterans or troops. On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a Nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind. I am pleased at the bipartisan nature with which my colleagues have approached this legislation. We must resolve together that we will provide returning veterans with the welcome, services, care, and compassion that they deserve. Let us all remember that one of the things that makes our Nation truly great are the young men and women willing to fight to defend it, to defend us, and to defend our way of life.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 894, the Veterans' Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLIE CALVIN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Charlie Calvin, who has distinguished himself as both an outstanding community leader and political organizer for over 30 years.

Mr. Calvin graduated from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science/Pre-Law; he subsequently earned a Master of Arts Degree in Political Theory and Government from Governors State University and two Juris Doctorate Degrees, one from LaSalle University School of Law and the other from the National Conference of Black Lawyers College of Law and International Diplomacy.

For the past 31½ years, Charlie Calvin has worked tirelessly as a community and political organizer—addressing issues of family, community, public education, the justice system, and the destruction of the African American male. Mr. Calvin has addressed concerns and advocated for help to feed and clothe the needy. As Deputy Register, he has helped to register thousands of new voters and has held town hall meetings relative to vital issues, such as disproportionate incarceration, the adverse effect of the criminal justice system on the African American Community, and leadership through political forums.

Charlie Calvin has affected people young and old through his motivational speaking engagements, Criminal Justice Conferences, and Adjunct professorships at the National Conference of Black Lawyers, LaSalle Law School, Harold Washington College and Chicago State University. Mr. Calvin is affiliated with many organizations ranging from the NAACP to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

Charlie Calvin entered the Democratic Political Primary of 1978 where he was a candidate for County Clerk—which at 22 years of age, made him the youngest and first African American in the history of Kankakee County to run for a seat in county government. He later assisted a number of local politicians to be elected as judges.

Recently Charlie Calvin became the Division Administrator for the Presiding Judge's Office of Juvenile Justice.

Charlie is married to Mrs. Dorothy Calvin, and they have three children; Charlie Jr. is a graduate of Governors States University, Felicia is a junior at Northern Illinois University, and Thomas is a high school student.

I am pleased to commend and congratulate Mr. Calvin on an outstanding career and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

H.R. 2930, THE ENTREPRENEUR ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT, AND H.R. 2940, THE ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR JOB CREATORS ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2930, the Entrepreneur Access to

Capital Act, and H.R. 2940, the Access to Capital for Job Creators Act. Just as I remarked earlier this week during the House's consideration of H.R. 1070 and H.R. 1965, I strongly support measures to free up capital for job creation, but such measures must be responsible and protect investors. I lament that the bills we consider here today fail to meet that threshold.

H.R. 2930 has as its goal the facilitation of crowdfunding, a relatively new phenomenon and one the Securities Exchange Commission is beginning to study. Mandating laxer regulatory requirements in statute strikes me as premature, if not irresponsible, in this case. Further, I recognize the potential the Internet holds for the financial services industry but also have grave reservations on the nefarious ways in which it can be used to defraud investors, particularly the more casual kind that might participate in crowdfunding.

The other bill on which we will vote—H.R. 2940—would seem to obviate the regulatory distinction made between private and public securities. The latter are permitted to be solicited publicly in exchange for greater regulatory scrutiny. I am extremely wary of granting the same privilege to private securities without associated reporting requirements.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleagues on the Committee on Financial Services for producing bipartisan legislation. Nevertheless, I cannot in good conscience support either H.R. 2930 or H.R. 2940 because each bill obfuscates transparency for investors and could expose them to new risks that any intelligent person would seek to avoid in this economy.

On a final note, I would add that the financial deregulatory bills considered by the House this week will put more pressure on our country's broken fiduciary system. By waiving registration and reporting requirements, we will be further muddying the distinction between brokers and investment advisers. This will be to the detriment of investors and market integrity.

SMALL COMPANY CAPITAL FORMATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1070, "Small Company Capital Formation Act of 2011" which would require the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to create a new and larger exemption, effectively raising the limit from \$5 million to \$50 million for its Regulation A security offerings and permitting a more streamlined approach for smaller issuers. Presently, the limit for Regulation A security offerings is \$5 million; however, this avenue is rarely pursued due to the small size of issuances permitted. The bill would permit SEC to impose conditions on issuance under the rule, and would require periodic review of the limit.

Regulation A was enacted during the Great Depression to stimulate the economy by improving small businesses' access to equity capital. While the initial offering threshold of \$100,000 has been increased over the years to the current \$5 million set by the Commission in 1992, it has not been increased to reflect the rising costs associated with bringing